

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Honorable Merrill M. Townley of Chamois, Missouri, will make history at the end of the Ninety-second General Assembly when he will enjoy the distinction of retiring for the second time as a highly-respected member of the Missouri House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Merrill Townley, State Representative from District No. 112, was originally elected to the House in 1982 and subsequently gained fourteen years of invaluable experience that would serve him well upon his return to this legislative body following the 1996 general election; and

Whereas, during the past eight years, Doc Townley has distinguished himself through achievement as a faithful public servant dedicated to the needs of his constituents in Gasconade, Maries, and Osage Counties, all of whom admire his competence, appreciate his commitment, and value his friendship; and

Whereas, Doc Townley has experienced the honor and the privilege of providing excellent leadership as Chairman of the prestigious Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, in which capacity he has steadfastly endeavored to pave the way for tremendous success and continued progress with the wisdom and foresight necessary to meet challenge upon challenge; and

Whereas, Doc's colleagues on the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee have been truly impressed by the competent, effective, and affirmative manner in which he has conducted business for the overall good of the people and the general welfare of the state; and

Whereas, Doc Townley has also put forth considerable time and effort to carry out his duties and responsibilities with Agriculture; Appropriations-Agriculture and Natural Resources; Corrections and State Institutions; the Joint Committee on Legislative Research; and the Interim Committee on Eminent Domain, which he chaired; and

Whereas, Doc has succeeded in these and various other endeavors with the loving support and encouragement of his beloved wife of forty-one years, Norma Jean; their children and their spouses, Gregory and Janet, Bruce and Elisabeth, and Brenda and Jeremy; and their grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing deep gratitude to our dear friend and loyal colleague, Doc Townley, for his tireless devotion to public service as a state legislator with unparalleled expertise and in wishing him only the very best as he retires to a more leisurely life in the precious company of those he holds most dear; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Merrill M. Townley, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153
Vice Chair Conservation & Natural Resources
Committee

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker